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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Consular Affairs

22 CFR Part 41

[Public Notice 2220]

Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended; Waiver of Passport and Visa Requirements

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends Department of State regulations to authorize a waiver of the passport and visa requirements of INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i) for members of the armed forces of certain additional foreign countries. Such a waiver would be granted under INA 212(d)(4) by the Attorney General and the Secretary of State acting jointly. This rule amends the regulations by removing Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics from the list of countries to whom the waiver cannot apply.

DATES: Effective June 8, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen K. Fischel, Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Office, (202) 663-1204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State, after consultation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of Defense, has determined that it is no longer in the national interest to prohibit aliens on active duty in the armed forces of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Slovak Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan from benefiting from a waiver of the passport and visa requirement of INA 212(a)(7)(b)(i) in specific circumstances. In fact, the Department of Defense has been working with certain non-NATO nations to enter into bilateral, Status of Forces

agreements similar to those in effect with NATO nations. The Department of State is, therefore, publishing amendments to the regulations at 22 CFR 41.3.

The implementation of this rule as a final rule is based upon the "good cause" exceptions established by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). This rule grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1) and is considered beneficial to the United States Government.

This rule is not expected to have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This rule imposes no reporting or recordkeeping action from the public requiring the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements. This rule has been reviewed as required by E.O. 12778 and certified to be in compliance therewith. This rule is exempted from E.O. 12866 but has been reviewed to ensure consistency therewith.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41

Aliens, Armed Forces, Nonimmigrants, Visas, Passports, Waivers.

In view of the foregoing 22 CFR part 41 is amended as follows:

PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 41 continues to read:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104, 1182.

2. Section 41.3 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 41.3 Waiver by joint action of consular and immigration officers of passport and/or visa requirements.

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(e) *Members of armed forces of foreign countries; visa and passport waiver.* An alien on active duty in the armed forces of a foreign country and a member of a group of such armed forces traveling to the United States, on behalf of the alien's government or the United Nations, under advance arrangements made with the appropriate military authorities of the United States. The waiver does not apply to a citizen or resident of Cuba, Mongolian People's Republic, North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Vietnam (Socialist Republic of Vietnam), or the People's Republic of China.

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Dated: June 2, 1995.

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Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 254

Teacher and Teacher's Aide Placement Assistance Program (Troops to Teachers)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Interim final rule: amendment.

SUMMARY: This interim rule amendment implements "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995," by extending eligibility in the Department of Defense Teacher and Teacher's Aide Placement Assistance program to Service members that were separated or released from active duty during the 9 year period beginning October 1, 1990. Service members that were separated or released before the Department of Defense established the program on January 19, 1994, but on or after October 1, 1990, have until October 5, 1995, to apply. The effect of this change is to give Service members until October 5, 1995, to apply for the program if their date of discharge or release from active duty falls on or after October 1, 1990, but before January 19, 1994.

This interim rule amendment also provides that civilian employees of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy must apply within 1 year following termination of their employment.

DATES: This document is effective November 25, 1994. Forward comments no later than August 7, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Forward comments to Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) (PSF&E) (DoDEA), The Pentagon, room 3E784, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Otto Thomas (703) 696-4384.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review" It has been certified that this amendment to the interim final rule, in conformance with Executive Order 12866, does not:

(1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the